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THE BRAVE MEN OF BLACK GHYLL

A SHEEP of the wild Westmorland Fells which stumbled over a cliff and, amazingly, landed unhurt on a ledge 300 feet below, did not end its adventure there.

It just settled down to graze as well as it could on the narrow, grass-covered ledge. It was spotted after a week and the RSPCA were called in.

Two senior inspectors climbed down from the top of Fell Head, near Tebay, which is over 2,000 feet high. It took them three hours to get down the grim cliff of Black Force Ghyll. And when they reached the sheep they had to lower it another 200 feet to safety.

GUESS WHO?



Paul



John



George

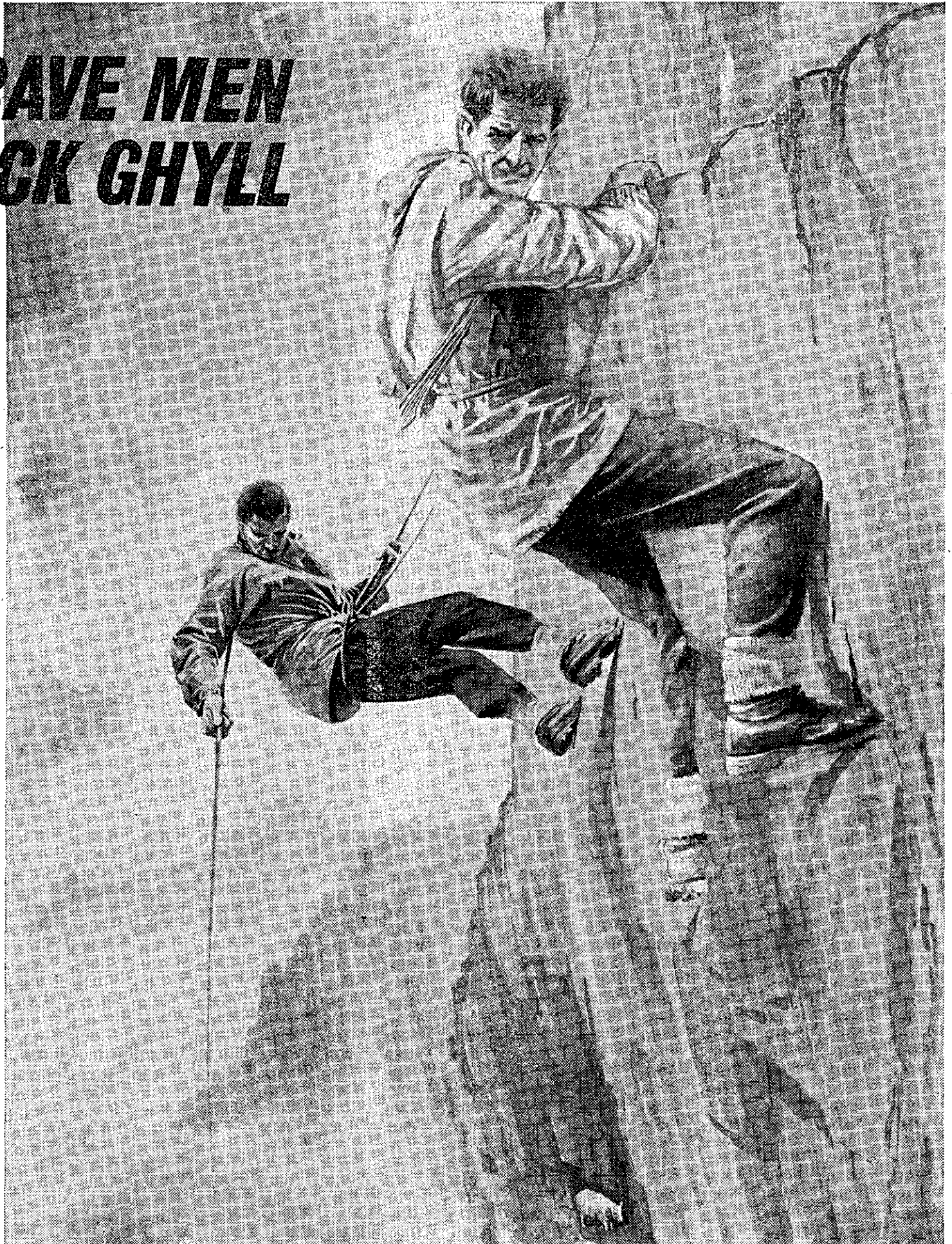


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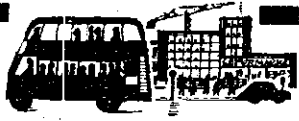
THERE are four of them, they come from Liverpool, and they sing and play. They were recently photographed disguised as policemen, and they've appeared by Royal Command at the London Palladium. They are, of course :
THE BEATLES

The Beatles will be in CN next week—a special big picture. Not only that—a CN correspondent has just come back from Liverpool and will be writing about the "Liverpool Sound." And there will be a "star" Panorama about various other pop groups.

IN CN NEXT WEEK!



IN BRITAIN NOW



BUILDING A NEW TUNNEL UNDER THE TYNE



PINT-SIZE DARTS CHAMPION

Justin Beaumont is a darts champion of Sawtry, Huntingdonshire. He has won a silver cup and raised £3 10s for a school's swimming pool. But his full-size opponents have to pull his darts out of the board for him—Justin is only seven.

Men at work in the new road tunnel being built under the River Tyne. Over a mile long, the tunnel will connect the Durham town of Jarrow and Howdon, Northumberland

THINKING AHEAD

If you are thinking of becoming an architect, you should get hold of a "Choice of Careers" booklet called *The Architect* (HM Stationery Office, 1s. 6d.). This tells you of the qualities you need and the training required for this profession.

Architecture is not just designing the outsides of buildings. Everything has got to be fitted in, and the architect is the key man in putting up any kind of building.

There is likely to be a big demand for architects in the future. Today there are well over 20,000 of them in Britain. In 1939 there were only about 12,700.

OUTLOOK— COLD!

The excited suggestion that the merger of three firms would create Britain's biggest frozen foods empire left us cold.

In a dining-car on British Railways the other day, we felt a cold shiver when coffee was served in a cup marked BR-R.

ROOFTOP RIVER

A scale model of a 17-mile stretch of the River Hull has been built on the roof of one of the buildings of Leeds University.

Of brick and concrete, the model is 170 feet long and has all the twists and turns of that stretch of the river. It will serve in research work on tides and water levels.

PHILIP AND HIS FERRY DOG

Philip Finkle, aged eleven, of Gosport, Hants, has a brown and white mongrel named Paddy.

Every morning, soon after breakfast, Paddy pops across Portsmouth Harbour in the ferry-boat and calls on a butcher friend of his. He returns, by water, and buries his prize for a dog's rainy day.

Paddy likes the ferry trip so much that he often jumps straight from an incoming ferry to the one about to return. So far he has never fallen in.

He also uses the ferry for meeting the London trains at Portsmouth Harbour Station and collecting tit-bits.

"Paddy has good traffic sense," says Philip. "He never darts across the road, and always looks both ways."

STAR-GAZERS OF LIVERPOOL

The Liverpool Astronomical Society (founded 1881) has been given a new lease of life by the teenagers who have been flocking to join it.

Their big winter programme includes regular visits to the roof of a technical college where they study the night sky through a five-inch refractor telescope.

"In astronomy there is always something new to learn," says one of the young members, "and always such a lot to discuss."

It seems to me...

THE FIELD LANE GANG

People are getting kinder. That's an encouraging thought, and it's true too. You've only to look back 100 years or so—read Charles Dickens, for instance—to see the difference between then and now.

It's true of young people just as much as grown-ups.

Here's an example—The Field Lane Gang. There are five of them, aged between 10 and 14, and they've been helping the Homer sisters, who live at the end of the same street.

Rose Homer is 19 and goes out to work. Her sister, Violet, who is 20, has to stay at home because she is a polio victim.

Where does the gang come in? Well, it isn't so much a question of where as when; and the answer to that is—before school... at lunch time... and after school as well. Between them they clean the cottage the two sisters live in, cook lunch for Violet, wash up, and tidy the garden.

Jolly good work Field Lane Gang—and all you others doing the same sort of thing! Keep it up. The world will be a better place because of you.



The Field Lane Gang—from left: Margaret Moore; Brian Fowler; Hilda and John Moore; and Eileen Chislett.

The Editor

'FIRST BOOKS'

THE FIRST BOOK OF MAMMALS

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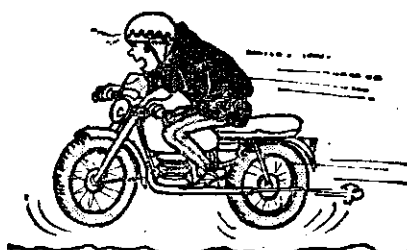
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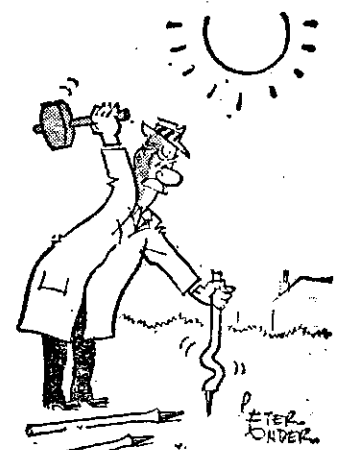
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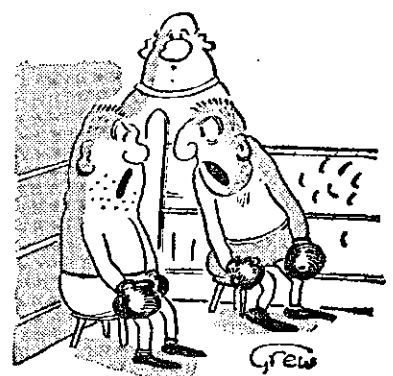
LAUGH TIME



"I said, where was it you wanted me to drop you off?"



"No, nothing else was taken—just the pole!"



"It's MY corner!"

READERS' LETTERS

TEACHERS AREN'T SO BAD!

BELOW is a selection of the many letters received on our latest Talking Point: *Would you rather be taught by a flesh-and-blood teacher or by a machine?* (The teachers come out of the inquiry pretty well!) Once again CN is paying ten shillings to the writer of each of the letters published. And once again I want to thank all the other writers—it was a record entry this time—for sending me their views. Editor

GRUESOME!

Dear Sir,—I fail to understand how anyone could possibly bear to be taught, and to look at, every school-day, between the hours of nine and four, a gruesome, solid-looking object that states facts when one of its buttons is pushed. Surely it is far better to be taught by a pleasant-looking, intelligent, understanding human-being.

Lessons can be fun with most teachers; and, because in most cases we grow to like them, their teaching penetrates far sooner and much deeper than if a machine were to speak monotonously on and on to us.

I feel, personally, that I could have no respect or appreciation for a machine pumped with learning, and would probably resent strongly its trying to educate me when it has no specific intelligence or knowledge itself.

Rosalind Greenhouse, Edgware.

KEEP YOUR HAIR ON!

Dear Sir,—I would prefer to be taught by the press button machine, for the simple reason if you had just finished a history lesson and you had to write down an account on what you had heard, and you forgot a certain part, you could switch on and hear the story again. Whereas human teachers might get their hair off, as we know it.

Roger Nellior, Martley, near Worcester.

WELL DONE!

Dear Sir,—I dislike intensely the idea of being taught by machine! With many teachers one feels



Will this machine take the place of the teacher?

the full force of a strong personality which makes me want to work and show what I can do.

What's the point of showing a machine what you can do? A flesh-and-blood teacher can fix a pupil with a quelling eye and make him shift uneasily in his shoes. He can make adjustments for each individual character and inclination and knows when to

lose his temper. (You know, a lost temper can produce respect for a teacher.)

Every pupil likes to think of teachers as people to help and understand them. No machine could make me work! I'd just laze all the time. But imagine how happy one feels when a master says, "You're improving."

I doubt if a machine could say it convincingly!

Julia Mendus, Low Seaton, Workington, Cumberland.

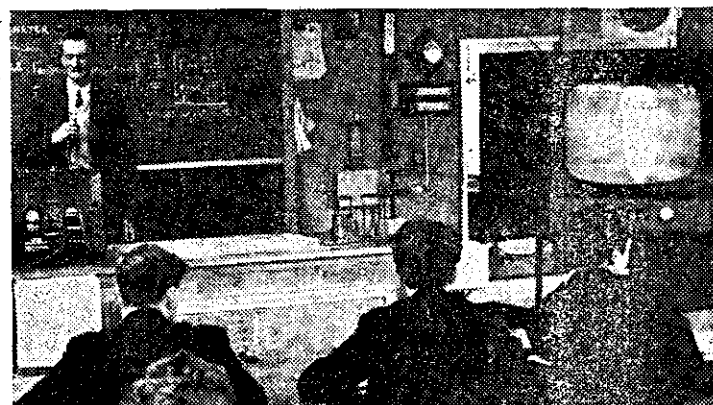
SILLY

Dear Sir,—I think that being taught by a machine is silly! Why should pupils have to learn to press buttons so that they can learn a subject? You don't have to learn how to use a teacher.

Timothy Hobbs, Cobley Gate, Cradley, Staffordshire.

MECHANICAL GAMES-MASTER?

Dear Sir,—I don't like human masters, as they tell me off and cane me, but I'm sure I would not learn so much with a weird



Closed circuit television, another way of learning.



Eleven-plus pupils at school—during their holidays.

LOST CONTACTS

Dear Sir,—I would dislike being taught by a machine. How could it establish the contact between teacher and pupil, and the outside world?

Automation is rapidly making us lose contact, as it forces its way into shops and offices.

I know automation is progressive, but if it stops people meeting each other, then it is bad.

Rebecca Makinson, Bedford.

RHYME AGAINST ROBOTS

Dear Sir,—I have written this poem for the Talking Point argument:

IN SUPPORT OF STAFF

Teachers in a primary school
Have many parts which they may play;

They must be strict, yet patient, kind,

All these, and more, in each school day.

Imagine now a robot school

In which machines instruct a child;

No personal help is given here,

The answer, "Right" or

"Wrong," is dialled.

The child may think he's having fun

In pushing buttons for a score;

But, better far that he should know

Why adding two and two gives four!

Catherine Gardner, Fulwood, Preston.

LEARNERS AND RAGGERS

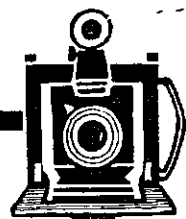
Dear Sir,—In a school like the one I attend there are pupils who go to learn and pupils who go to rag masters.

If in a class there are fifteen pupils who go to learn and fifteen pupils who go to rag masters, the learners are going to be deprived of their knowledge.

If we have computers, a pupil can make up his mind whether he wants to learn or not. And if he wants to learn, he can get the knowledge he would otherwise be deprived of, in a class with a "flesh-and-blood teacher."

I would rather be a "push button pupil."

Arthur Ranson, Rushton, near Blackburn.



KNOW YOUR NEWS

MAKING BRITAIN BUSTLE

Our MPs are pressing ahead with a mass of new legislation—clearing the decks, as it were, for next year's General Election.

The nation is booming. Reports say our trade position overseas is brighter, home prospects better.

An index of our prosperity will be the volume of buying and selling between now and Christmas.

What part does Parliament play in all this?

Parliament does not itself create a boom, but it can and does create conditions in which the energies of people can be released and directed into the right channels.

When, a fortnight ago, the new

Prime Minister, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, announced the Government's programme for the last

By our
Special Correspondent

session of the present Parliament (elected 1959), he drew attention to its emphasis on economic development.

The aim, he indicated, is a modern and efficient nation. And more than a dozen new bills now coming before Parliament proclaim this aim.

In brief, the Government wants us to have MORE HOMES (a thousand new ones every day); MORE SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES and TECHNICAL COLLEGES; and, above all,

MORE JOBS in areas hit by temporary depression.

These are worthy targets, indeed. But let's not forget two things:

1. We have to pay for all



Mr. Edward Heath, MP



Mr. Reginald Maudling, MP

these things. The money has to come from somewhere.

We get most of it from overseas trade. So Mr. Edward Heath, our new President of the Board of Trade, has the job of creating more opportunities for our manufacturers to sell more of our products abroad.

And the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Reginald Maudling, must be sure that, in raising money to run the Government machine, he doesn't tax us too heavily. If

he did, people might get discouraged (it has happened before) and ask: What's the use of creating a get-up-and-go Britain if the taxman takes too much of the extra money we earn in the process?

2. We have to find people to make all these plans come out right.

Every major project needs a small army of technical experts, engineers, Civil Servants and so on to carry it out.

Example: In the present programme, a Housing Corporation is to be set up, and our local councils will be given powers to see that tenants are not exploited by greedy landlords.

These two activities alone will increase the demand for trained people.

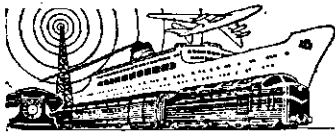
And so we come to the problem which may dominate the rest of this century:—

In creating more experts to make Britain bustle we must be sure we have enough trained and trustworthy people in our Civil Service to carry out their plans!



THIS WIDE WORLD

BRIEFLY...



The British Government is to contribute about £68,000 towards the cost of moving the famous ancient Egyptian temples of Abu Simbel before they are submerged when the Nile rises as a result of the building of the Aswan Dam.

Firemums

When a school bus caught fire at Shilbottle, Northumberland, the children filed out and mothers formed a bucket chain. Using extinguishers as well, they put out the blaze before the fire brigade arrived.

A 22-year-old Australian Aborigine is the first of his race to receive a UNESCO study and travel award.

For Egg heads?

Decorating egg shells and making hats from poultry feathers will be among the special demonstrations at this year's International Poultry Show at London's Olympia on the 4th, 5th and 6th December.

Fifth and sixth form pupils of a Walsall, Staffordshire, school are to visit the Norfolk Broads with their teachers during term-time next March to learn sailing.

Generous

A chauffeur of Toulouse, France, who has given 54 pints of his blood since 1956, has received a rarely-awarded gold medal.

The A31 trunk road through the New Forest is being fenced to reduce the risk of cars hitting ponies and deer.

HUNTING GRIZZLIES—BY RADIO!

The secret hide-outs of grizzly bears in the Yellowstone National Park, USA, are to be spotted by radio this winter. The bears have disappeared from nine Western States, but there are still about 200 in the park. Not one of their dens, however, has so far been found.

Recently scientists caught 12 of the bears by drugging them, and then put collars containing tiny radio transmitters round their necks. By following the radio signals, the scientists will be able to track the bears when they seek shelter.

RIDING ROUND EUROPE

Two young people have set out on a ride round Europe, with two horses, two tents and £40 in their pockets.

They are 22-year-old Stuart Gardner, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, and his fiancée, Caroline Rae, of St. Peter Port, Guernsey.

For a year or so they will jog along the byways of France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark and Sweden—working on farms to earn enough money to buy food.

Caroline ran a riding stables in Guernsey, and her mount is a beautiful four-year-old golden chestnut Russian mare, Kamera, of

17 hands. Stuart is riding Andy, a seven-year-old black Welsh cob of 15 hands.

The two adventurers have each taken 56 lb. of gear in their saddle rolls, which they made themselves.

Said Caroline: "We hope to get to Sweden by the autumn of 1964, and we want to write a book about it all afterwards."

Stuart and Caroline hope to cover about 25 to 30 miles a day, travelling by lanes and paths and avoiding big towns.

FANTASTIC "MR. TU"

Russia's brightest boffin—Andrei Nikolayevich Tupolev—was recently seen at a Soviet experimental airfield watching the first flight of a new aircraft. Russia's whole aviation history is bound up with "Mr. TU," who, with fantastic foresight, has designed 100 types of aircraft.

When the first of Russia's newest planes are operational—possibly in 1965—it will be the result of this brilliant-minded man's ideas. "Mr. TU" is now 75.

SURPRISE BAT!



Bats are rarely seen before dusk, so naturally a few eyebrows were raised when this huge specimen flew into a Paris house—in broad daylight!

WINTER IN ALASKA

A class of pupils at a school in Anchorage, Alaska, has written a letter to other schools in the USA describing their town's yearly celebration, called the Fur Rendezvous.

"There are dogsled races, Eskimo dances, and many other events. The most exciting one is the blanket toss. A person is tossed up and down on a large blanket of walrus skin, and tries to land on his feet.

"There are not many people in Alaska, but there are lots of animals. In the winter you can see moose in your own backyard. They come down from the mountains to get food."

These Anchorage youngsters invite letters from classes in other schools—not from individuals.

The children would like to hear from schools in other countries, too. So if your class wants to know more about life in Alaska, send a joint letter to: Mrs. McCall's Fifth-grade Class, Turnagain Elementary School, 3,500 Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, Alaska.

A BIT STALE!

A piece of wedding cake posted 30 years ago at Killygordon, Donegal, to a place less than a mile away, has only just been delivered!

It went first to a town of the same name in Australia, and afterwards to North and South America, as well as Asia.

NOUVELLES DE FRANCE

Le Chameau Vagabond

Circulant au volant de sa voiture à Montreuil-sous-Bois, Mme. Paulette Martinez, domiciliée à Montreuil, trouva sur son chemin... un chameau vagabond qui obstruait la chaussée. Le jeune femme descendit de son véhicule et entreprit de pousser l'animal.

Mais le chameau était aussi têtue qu'une mule. Il refusa d'avancer comme de reculer. Mme. Martinez s'entêta elle aussi. L'animal baissa le tête et lui mordit le genou.

Mme. Martinez a porté plainte pour blessures—non contre le chameau, mais contre le directeur du cirque d'où il s'était échappé.

A 10s. 6d. book token will be awarded for what the Editor considers the best translation received by Wednesday, 4th December. Send to: Nouvelles de France, Children's Newspaper, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4. 9th November winner: N. J. Davis, Lawrence House School, St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancashire.

RING FOR RESCUE

Three workmen who were locked in Lincoln Cathedral rang the bell, Big Tom (weight 5½ tons), until someone let them out.

Coming Events



LONDON: Royal Smithfield Show and Agricultural Machinery Exhibition, 2nd—6th December at Earls Court.



LONDON: National Exhibition of Cage Birds, 5th—7th December at Olympia. Members of the Junior Bird League will be showing their pets in their own special section. About 6,000 birds will be on show.



COVENTRY: Midland Counties meet the formidable New Zealand touring side at rugby on 3rd December. They're hoping to do better than London Counties did!

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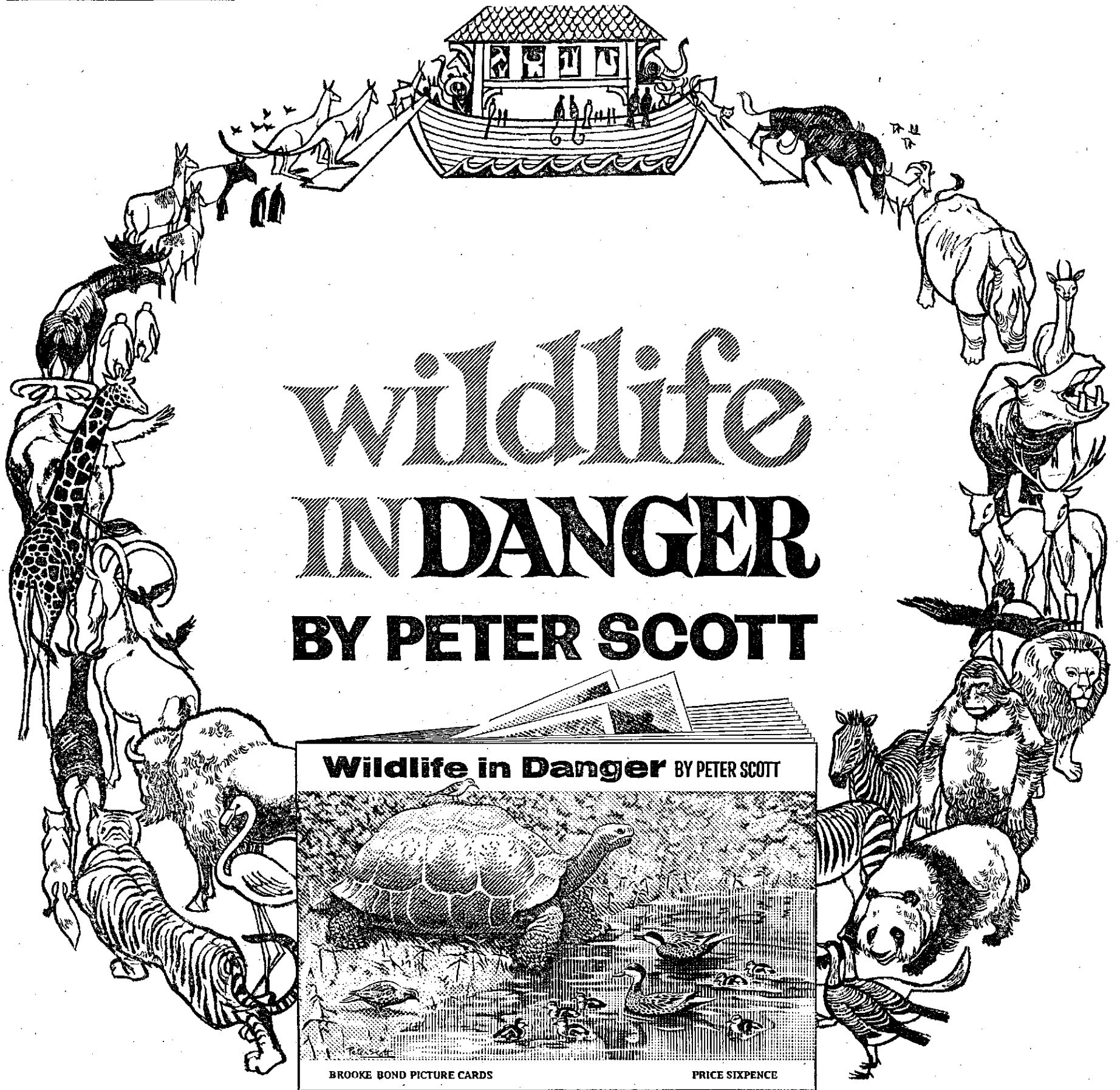
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HEAD IN THE CLOUDS

JANET BASTICK, pictured below, is a 17-year-old solicitor's secretary from York. Janet has every reason to look as pleased as she does for, after only three month's tuition at the Ouse Gliding Club, she's gained her "A" and "B" British Gliding Association Certificates.

With this success to her credit, Janet confidently aims at still greater flying proficiency. The best of luck, Janet!



Janet's got something to smile about.

SPECIALLY FOR GIRLS

HAVE you noticed how often nurses feature in the news? Not that they seek publicity, but their work so often brings to light stories that deserve to be told—like that of two student nurses from West Hartlepool.

A year ago, teenagers Christine Quigley and Pamela Elder had, among other patients in their care, a 70-year-old cripple named Mr. MacDonald (nicknamed "Budgie" because he was always so cheerful). When he was later moved to an Old Folks' Hostel, the girls promised to take him out at weekends, since when, every fine Sunday, they've given up part of their off-duty time, to wheel "Budgie" out in his chair.

That's a pretty unselfish thing for them to do—not that the girls think of it like that. They say: "We know he looks forward to seeing us and we enjoy taking him out."

I think "Budgie's" courage and cheerfulness have gained him the friendship of two wonderful girls, don't you?

SMART SERVICE!

IN a very long Vienna clothing store salesroom, the salesgirls use foot scooters with a specially constructed rack at the rear to take the garments from one end of the room to the other.

The service in this 76-yard long room is the fastest in the city, and the stocks are speedily replaced as the girl "scoot" between the clothing depot and the salesroom.

Brakes and a bell ensure the safety of "pedestrian" shoppers!

LEAPING TO SUCCESS

THE girl shown jumping for joy in the picture (right) is 15-year-old Maureen Williams of Bury, Lancashire. She's so high-spirited because she has now become chief of the dancing academy where she first became a pupil ten years ago.

Maureen, who has won more than 50 awards for dancing, admits: "I may be a bit young to be a teacher . . ." But age, it seems, has little to do with it, for three of Maureen's 30 pupils were prizewinners at the Southport Dancing Festival earlier this year. Keep at it, Maureen!



Maureen Williams—she's young, pretty, and talented.

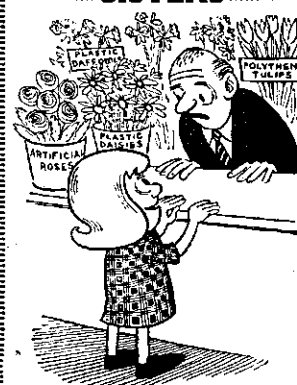
BEAD PORTRAIT

A RUSSIAN needlewoman—Eva Gishneshvili of Georgia—has just finished a portrait of the first space-woman, Valentina Tereshkova. It is made of 12,000 different coloured beads and shows the heroine in a space suit against a light background.

Eva intends to present the portrait to Valentina. An unusual piece of needlework for an unusually brave woman.

Space-age designs for ordinary embroidery could be fun. Send me your sketches and I'll publish the best one in a future issue.

SISTERS



"Have you got any plastic greenfly?"

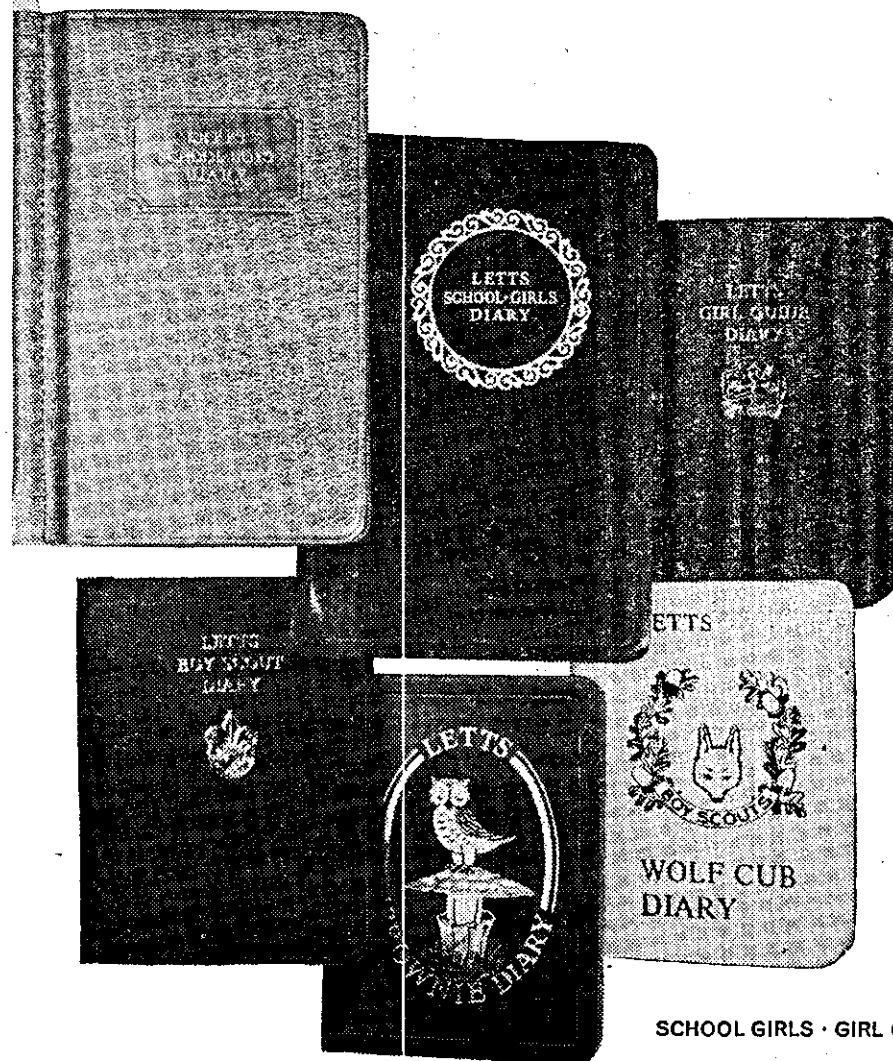
GIRL IN A MAN'S WORLD

LEARNING a man's job is 19-year-old Sandra Monty, of Luton, who is the only girl among 15 boy engineering students taking a 14-week technical course.

Says Sandra: "All the boys make such a fuss of me. When I chose engineering work, I'd no idea what it would mean."

Sandra works in the Weights Department at the Hunting aircraft factory, Luton, testing and weighing aircraft components. This requires knowledge of general engineering, maths, heat engines and workshop technology.

Vicky

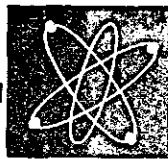


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SCIENCE SURVEY



WHAT IS EARTH MADE OF?

FROM his man-made miracle in the skies, the spaceman's voice crackles thinly over his radio, "All systems go!" The watchers, with their eyes glued to tracking radar screens and their ears clamped to headphones, know that the space ship is working well.

But if their instruments could show them an explorer in the earth's depths, the message shouted into their headphones above the roaring furnace at the earth's core might be: "All systems go! Correction: all systems gone! My depth ship is melting with the heat of this inferno!"

Bubbling metal

It sounds fantastic, and it's probably impossible, for the metal bubbling away in the earth's core at up to 5,500 degrees Fahrenheit would provide an unpleasant welcome for the bravest explorer. Yet, while more is constantly being learnt about outer space, much less is known about the interior of the earth itself.

Canadian scientists have just begun drilling a mile-deep bore to discover what exactly the earth is made of. They liken the earth to

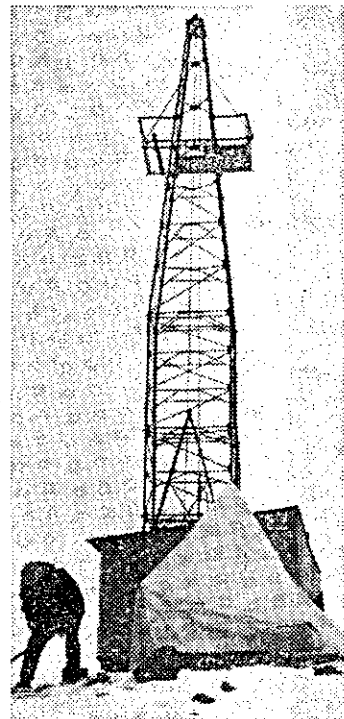
a boiled egg. The yoke is the core of liquid metal. The white is the thick mantle, which is thought to be as pliable as putty near the centre, cooling as it hardens to a solid state as it reaches the earth's crust (which is egg-shell).

We get our living from this crust, which gives us our food, homes and clothing; so why are we trying to pierce the shell?

The reason is that scientists think that minerals on the earth's surface were forced up from beneath the crust.

By knowing more about the things of which the upper mantle is made, experts will be able to tell more easily what minerals

Above right: One of the drilling towers of Operation Muskox. Below: A diagram showing the composition of the Earth below its crust.

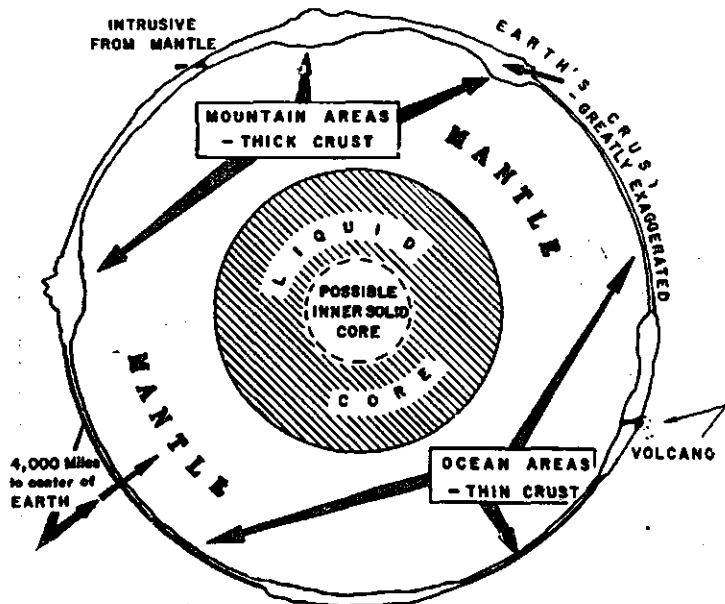


provide metal. They also hope to learn other things about the earth and, from these, to be able to guess what other worlds may be like.

The place chosen for this important research is a copper-mining region in north-western Canada where, millions and millions of years ago, some of the mantle was forced into the crust. Because this cooled slowly just below the surface, instead of hardening quickly as volcanic lava does, it is in a good condition for laboratory testing.

Operation Muskox

Drilling on the lonely, frozen site—called Operation Muskox—began last spring and lasted all summer, and the old mantle is now being examined as part of a three-year scheme named the International Upper Mantle Project.



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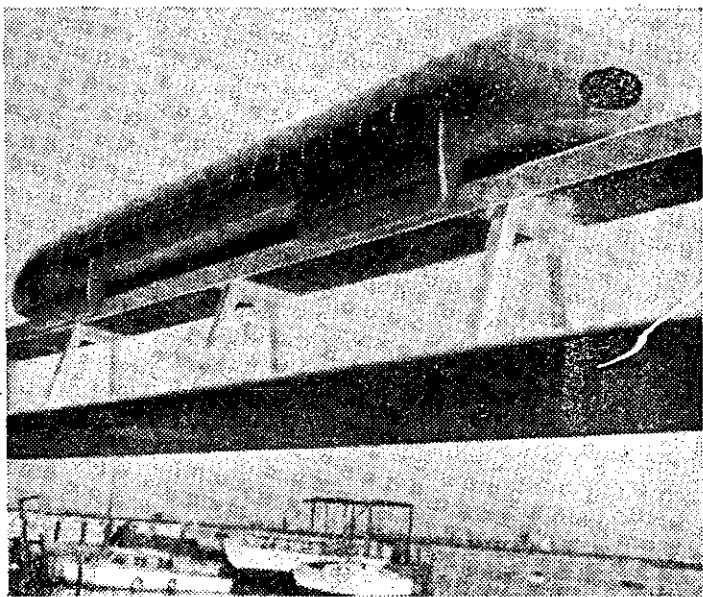
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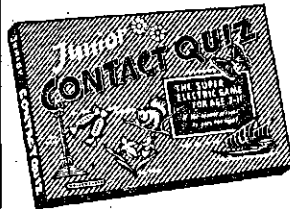


A model of the Hovertrain on its Hoverway

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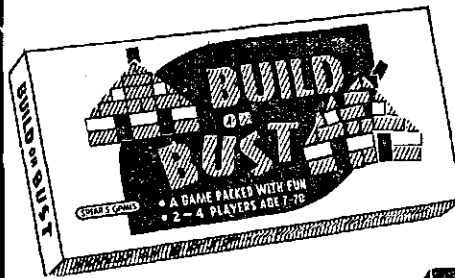
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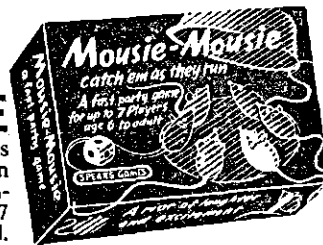


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The debates in Parliament vary in importance, and MPs don't attend them all—they can't because they have other work to do. The Whips' job is to indicate the importance of forthcoming debates and "whip in" as many members as possible for the really important ones.

Each party has a Chief Whip, Deputy Chief Whip and a varying number of junior Whips, all of whom are Members of Parliament. Those of the party in power are

known as Government Whips, and are paid out of public funds.

The Government Chief Whip, Mr. Martin Redmayne, has the job of managing Government business (under the Prime Minister and the Leader of the House of Commons) and organises the party in that House. He also has to get the party MPs to support the Government's policies and to keep ministers informed of the opinions of the ordinary MPs of the party.

The Opposition Chief Whip, Mr. Herbert Bowden, does similar jobs for his own side but he has no special salary.

Weekly Notices

The word "Whip" is also used for the weekly circular notice sent by the Chief Whip to the MPs of his party notifying them of parliamentary business and summoning them to attend the House. On this notice debates considered to be very important are underlined three times, and for this reason are known as "three-line Whips." Any MP failing to attend a debate underlined three times may be expelled from the



Mr. Martin Redmayne, the Government Chief Whip

party. Debates which are less important are underlined twice, and MPs should always attend these if they possibly can. Less important debates are usually underlined once.

Without the Whips, the parties in Parliament would be poorly organised and the relationship between the party leaders and their ordinary MPs would not be so good as it is today.

Next week:
**PARTIES
IN PARLIAMENT**
(Party Meetings)



Mr. Herbert Bowden, the Opposition Chief Whip

TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE



WHAT HAPPENS TO FREAKS?

I must start by saying that I am using the word "freaks" in a very general way, to refer to those oddly-coloured, as well as mis-shapen, animals which are reported from time to time.

We hear about white or piebald blackbirds, white swallows and rooks, and I have seen a grass snake and a common frog which were so pale and had such pink eyes as to qualify them for being included as albinos.

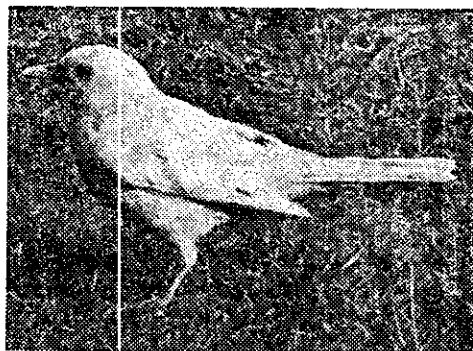
There is a common belief that such unusually-coloured creatures are always attacked and even killed by other members of their

coat, could well be singled out by an enemy because it is easy to distinguish. But this would not be the same as being done to death

for example, are by no means uncommon. They often mate with normal blackbirds and produce, in succeeding generations, some white and many piebald individuals. And these strains will persist for long periods of time. The London parks have had such birds for years and years.

Not long ago I saw a white swallow feeding young; and I have seen a white house martin in a breeding colony. In neither case did the other swallows or martins take any notice at all of their very strange-looking companion.

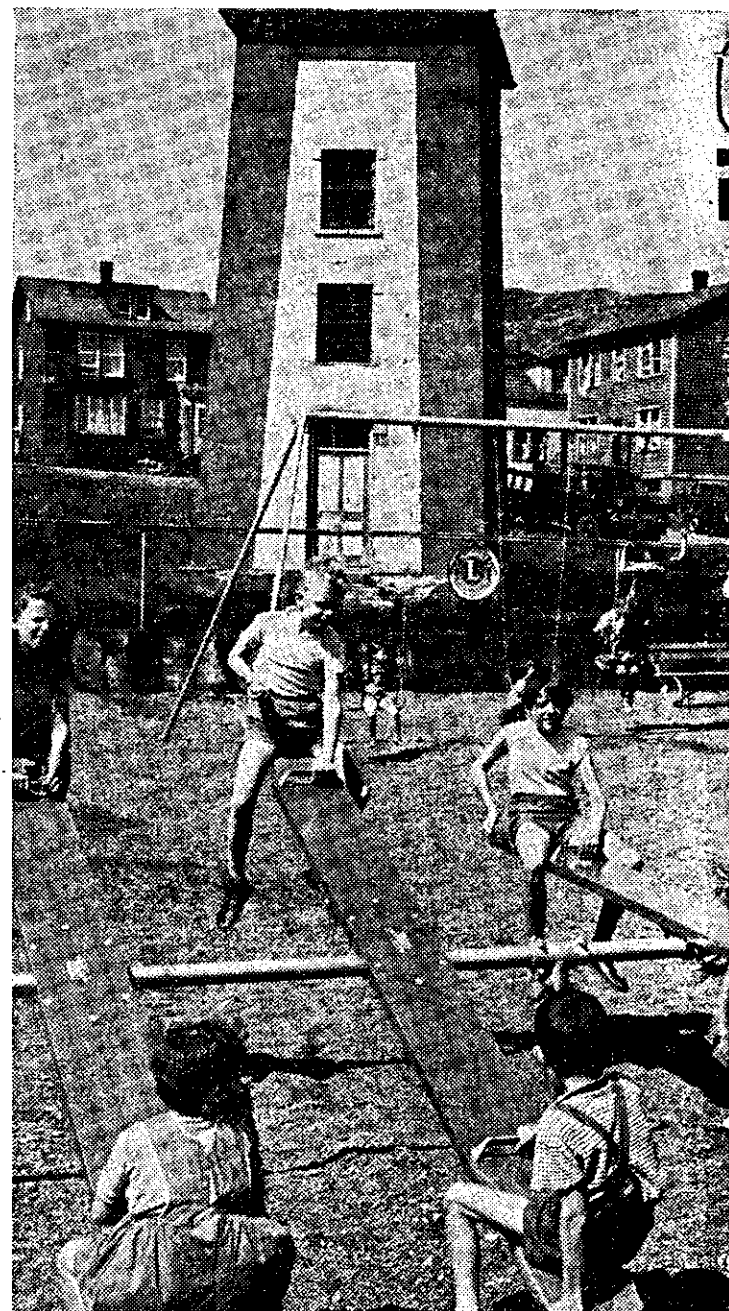
Then there are the many instances where budgerigars of various colours have escaped, but have been seen feeding among flocks of sparrows. If they fail to survive in natural conditions, it is more likely to be due to the weather rather than their colours.



An albino blackbird is by no means uncommon

by others of its own species purely on account of its colouration.

If this were the rule rather than the exception, abnormally-coloured creatures would be rare, which they are not. Albino blackbirds,



Playground at St. Pierre, backed by an old li



by

Maxwell Knight

own kind. But I have found little evidence to support this idea.

Attacks do occur, of course, but not necessarily because the creature attacked is a "freak." It might be that an abnormally-coloured individual tries, during the breeding season, to court, or pair-up with, a normal specimen. This could lead to a fight, or a mock-fight, with a rival.

An albino bird or mammal, by reason of its striking plumage or

paper, 30th November, 1963

CN PANORAMA

News in Pictures

FRANCE'S FISH FROM CANADA'S DOORSTEP

TEN miles off the south coast of Newfoundland and at the entrance to the main seaway from the Atlantic to Canada, lies a group of rocky islands—St. Pierre and Miquelon. They are France's last colonies in North America. The 5,000 people are French to the core and their chief occupation is supplying their motherland with fish. In exchange France sends luxury goods (especially wine), which come in duty free and so are cheap. This has been the cause of much smuggling in the past to the USA and Canada.

The children can get scholarships to finish their education in France and students from America come here to learn French as it should be spoken. Colonised in 1660, the islands have changed hands several times but have been French since 1814.



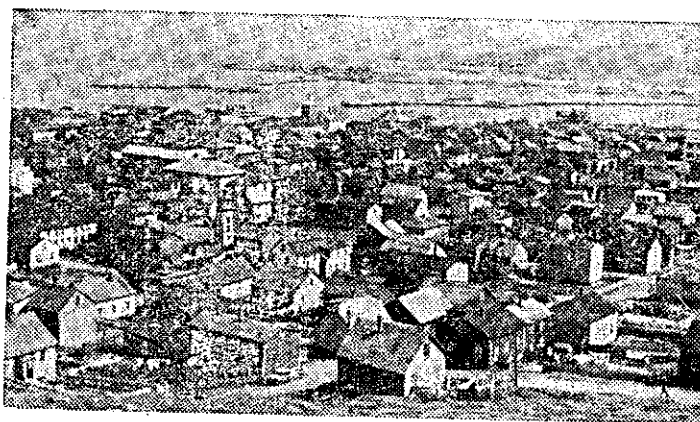
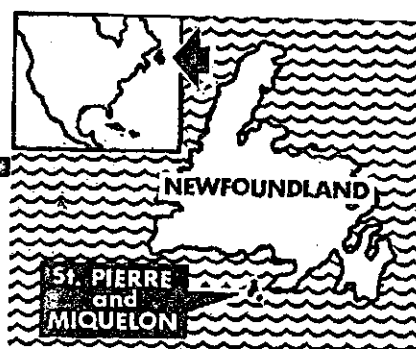
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The police come from France but have little crime to deal with

When the sun does come out—
out come the tables in front of
the cafés

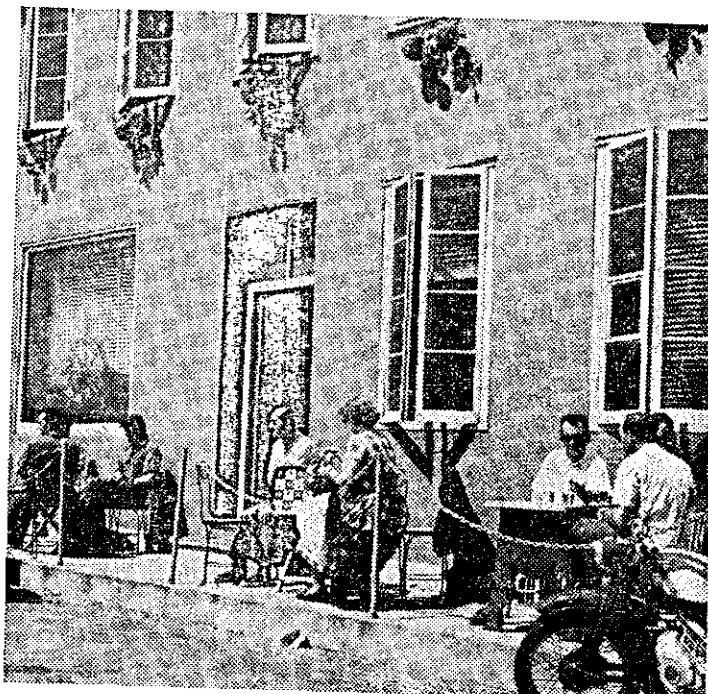
The islanders have always been
great fishermen. Their chief
catch is cod



St. Pierre, capital of the colony, where most of the people live



A thoughtful look from a young native French islander



News From China

CHILDREN BREED NEW PLANTS

By HAUNG KE-PING

*This article has been sent direct
to CN from Peking*

PUPILS at a Chinese primary school in a village of Chekiang Province, East China, set up a research group for improving the yield of various crops.

From a small group of 11 members, it has grown to more than 50, most of them boys and girls from nine to 14 years old. They proudly call their set-up "Youth's Academy of Science."

In the past nine years the youngsters have bred 120 new crop varieties by crossing and grafting. For instance, by crossing oil-bearing rape-plants with turnips, they have produced a plant with a sturdy stem (about five feet tall) with long, broad leaves, numerous rape pods on the upper part, and a tuber at the root four times the size of an ordinary turnip.

Plant with 900 pods

One of these plants bore as many as 900 pods, and this hardy variety thrives with very little manure and matures 20 days earlier than the turnip. It has been grown on local farms with good results.

The children grafted egg plant, pepper and tomato on a ginseng plant (a medicinal herb). The result was a plant bearing the fruits of all the three "father" plants.

Among the rare crops harvested by the youngsters were rice grains nearly one and a half inches long, and a wheat plant branching out into 180 stalks, one alone bearing 18 ears.

From the start the teachers at the school have been a great help. The children have been provided with special rooms for study, and plots of land for experimental purposes, as well as the technical guidance of two experienced farmers. The teachers believe that the experiments help the youngsters enrich their knowledge, cultivate habits of manual work, build up a sound body, and acquire a better understanding of their lessons.

Much praise

The experiments have earned the youngsters much praise. Many agricultural departments and educational establishments have sent them funds, reference books and laboratory apparatus to express their appreciation and encouragement. The youngsters' story has also been included in children's books, and their scientific experiments were screened in a short documentary film.

YOU AND YOUR CAMERA



THE DELICATE COLOUR TRANSPARENCY

The colour transparency is a helpless little thing—fragile, only the size of a postage stamp, and very delicate by nature. There's nothing it dislikes more than being rubbed up the wrong way.

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The answer, of course, is to keep your transparencies always in a slide storage box made for the purpose. These cost as little as 10s. 6d. for a box accommodating

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100 slides, and are well worth the cost. They keep your precious slides both safe from scratches and dirt, instantly available, and in order—for every slide box is numbered and indexed.

It is important to remember that the actual coloured portion of the transparency should never, never be touched. By all means handle the card mount, but if you get your fingers on the emulsion, damage is certain to be done.

If you wish to protect your transparencies permanently from

such dangers as prodding fingers, you can mount them between glass in one of the glass-and-plastic mounts specially designed for the purpose. The normal transparency frame consists of four parts—two pieces of glass, and two of plastic. The pieces of glass sandwich the transparency, while the plastic binds everything together firmly. Mounting is simply a matter of cleaning the glass carefully, brushing the transparency with a very soft brush to remove dust traces, and assembling.

Permanent way

Even more permanent mounting can be achieved by using a system of 2 in. by 2 in. glasses and card or tinfoil masks. The transparency is positioned carefully between the masks, the glasses placed on either side, and then bound together with lengths of pre-cut masking tape. This method takes longer but, provided dust is strictly excluded during mounting, there is absolutely no



This month's winning picture comes from G. Chick, of Wimbledon, S.W.19. Comment: Animal antics always offer good opportunities to the photographer. In this case the giraffe was very obliging, though the picture could have been improved by choosing a less confused background.

chance of any creeping in subsequently.

Once your slides are safely between glass, they can be titled and "spotted." Spotting is the recognised way of preparing transparencies for the projector. Hold the slide so that the picture is the right way up and the right way round, and then place a small spot in the bottom left-hand

corner. When the slide goes into the projector, the projectionist arranges for the tell-tale spot to go in the top right-hand corner (the optics of the projector will turn the picture round for you!).

This all makes for trouble-free projection. There's nothing more satisfying than projecting a whole series of transparencies and seeing every one of them appear correctly.

We hope to publish one reader's picture each month—and we'll pay a guinea for it.

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NEW YEAR LECTURES

Lectures for young photographers, aged between 13 and 18, are to be held in the New Year by the Royal Photographic Society.

The subject will be Photographing Flowers. The first lecture will be on Monday, 6th January, at 3 p.m., and will be repeated the following day. Both lectures will be at the Society's headquarters at 16 Princes Gate, Kensington, S.W.7.

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A Midsummer Night's Dream



When Puck and Oberon the Fairy King, come across a group of actors, Oberon changes one of them—a man named Bottom—into a man with an ass's head. Later, as Bottom awakens the sleeping fairy queen Titania with his song, she at once falls in love with him because of Oberon's magic spell . . .

Having seen the spell working, Puck rushes to tell King Oberon, who thinks it a huge joke. "Much better than I had hoped for, Puck," he chuckles. "My Titania in love with an ass!" Then he asks whether Puck has used the magic on Demetrius. "He's enchanted," Puck tells him, not realising that he's mistakenly put Lysander under the spell. This causes a real mix-up, for now Lysander thinks he loves Helena, while Hermia believes that Demetrius has killed Lysander.



When Oberon finds out what Puck has done, he's furious. "You good-for-nothing hobgoblin! I can't even trust you to do a simple job of magic! The next time I want a spell cast, I'll do it myself!" And off he goes to enchant Demetrius himself. Puck hurries away. He sees Helena wandering alone, miserable, because Demetrius has rejected her in favour of Hermia. At once Puck mischievously guides Helena to where Oberon has left the spellbound Demetrius sleeping.



At this moment Lysander appears and once again implores Helena to believe that he loves her. Helena still refuses to believe he's not making fun of her. "First Demetrius scorns me. Now you laugh at me, insisting it's me you love while all the time you know it's Hermia. Your words are sweet as honey, but they're false," she sobs. Then Demetrius wakes, sees Helena, and, under the spell, he too declares he loves her. Poor Helena! No wonder she bursts into tears!



Demetrius tells Lysander to leave Helena alone. "You love Hermia, I love Helena! You ran away with Hermia . . . so marry her and leave Helena to me!" Having been rejected once by Demetrius, Helena is flabbergasted at the switch round. Meanwhile Hermia arrives and hears Lysander shouting that he doesn't love her. What a blow! Convinced that Demetrius had previously killed Lysander, she now sees him alive—and quarrelling over her friend Helena!



Furious and humiliated, Hermia rounds on Helena and accuses her of making her look foolish: "Two lovers you've stolen from me . . . I'll scratch your eyes out for this, you lanky beanpole!" screams Hermia, then appeals to the men to save her from Helena's anger! Things go from bad to worse. The men argue and insult one another, watched by the two girls, who meanwhile keep up their share of bickering. Finally, the men decide to settle the matter by a duel.



Panic-stricken, the girls run off, leaving the men to get on with their deadly fight, watched only by hobgoblin Puck, who finds it all very funny. Suddenly, King Oberon appears and gives Puck a good talking to: "You senseless creature! It seems you've created this mess on purpose. I've suspected your mischief-making for some time past. We've got to stop these two hot-heads fighting, and it'll take a lot of magic this time. First of all—make the night dark!"

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These stamps are some of the most attractive ever issued. Most of the early series showed, in their proper heraldic colours, the coats-of-arms of Swiss towns or provinces. In recent years several series have been devoted to wild flowers, butterflies and beetles, all in their natural colours.

This year's series includes four stamps showing flowers, The highest value, a 50 plus 10 centimes

by C. W. Hill

stamp, pictured here, shows a pink carnation on a rich blue background.

On the low value stamp, 5 plus 5 centimes, is the portrait of a Swiss boy. This stamp, which is reproduced below, is a deep turquoise green colour.

Other values in the series feature the ox-eye daisy, the corn-



flower and the geranium. First day of issue will be 30th November.

CANADA is another country which has often issued stamps featuring wild life. The first Canadian stamp, issued in 1851, was in fact a 3d. value with a picture of a beaver.

Among the Canadian birds which have been featured on stamps issued during the last few years are whooping cranes, the gannet and the common loon. Pictured here is a new 15-cents stamp which shows four Canada geese in flight.

Announcing the issue, the Canadian Post Office also gives some details about these beautiful birds. They have a black head and neck, white cheek patches,



and a greyish-brown body, pale underneath. Their wing span sometimes exceeds six feet.

Canada geese fly south to spend the winter in the warmer United States, but when the spring comes they return across the border to nest in Canada. Their return heralds the arrival of spring for Canadians.

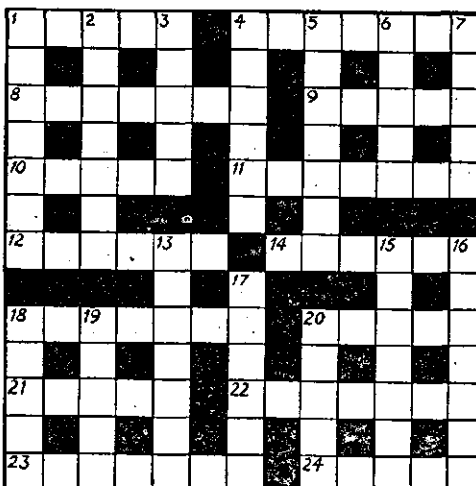
Looking forward to 1964, the Canadian Postmaster General has announced next year's programme of new issues. Among them will be four stamps showing Canadian flowers in full colour, a stamp in support of international peace, and a special stamp for use on the Christmas mails.

THE last illustration this week shows one of a new series from Rumania. Ducks, geese, chickens and this farmyard cock



are the birds depicted. Another recent series of Rumanian stamps features eight different fruits in full colour.

Crossword puzzle



ACROSS: 1 Bishop's head-dress. 4 Umpire. 8 Satire. 9 Less. 10 To draw out. 11 Frisky sea mammal. 12 Colour. 14 Arrival. 18 To have faith in. 20 Salt-water solution. 21 Smell. 22 Absorb. 23 Go down. 24 Lustre.

DOWN: 1 A puzzle. 2 Commotion. 3 Rub out. 4 Cure. 5 Groped. 6 Large cattle farm. 7 German industrial town. 13 To function. 15 Series of events. 16 Betrayal. 17 Traditional story. 18 Trade mark. 19 Comes into sight. 20 Fake.

Answers on page 16

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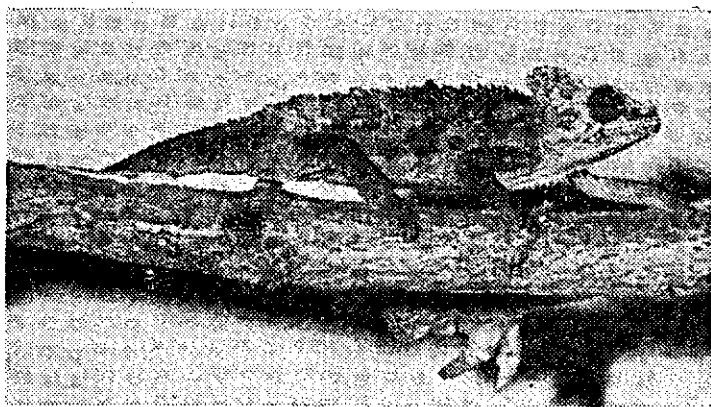
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PICK A PUZZLE



JUMBLED HERO

Can you re-arrange the letters in the words below to form the name of a mythological Greek hero whose only vulnerable spot was his heel?

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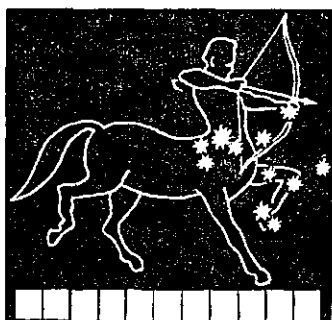
BEGIN WITH PEN

The answer to each clue below begins with the letters PEN. Can you find all eight?

- A suspended ornament
- Big non-flying bird
- Periodical payment to a retired person
- To punish
- Repentant
- Thoughtful
- Unfinished or undecided
- A five-sided figure

SIGN OF THE ZODIAC

Here is one of the 12 Signs of the Zodiac, which in astronomy is a belt of the sky containing the apparent paths of the Sun, Moon, and chief planets.

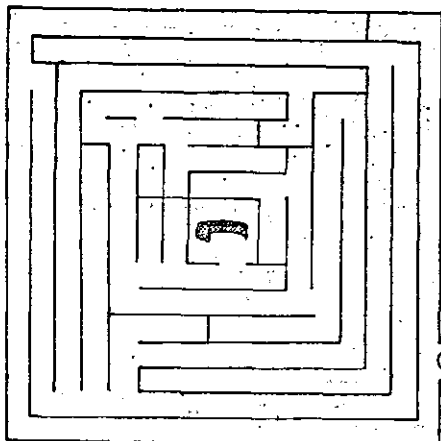


GASITSARUIT

The letters above have been jumbled but you should be able to write them down in the squares to spell the name of this sign.

SHOOT FOR GOAL!

The footballer is heading for goal but he can take only one route. See if you can find the right one first time.



ONE WORD FOR THREE

One word is all that's needed to describe each set of three clues. For example, the answer to a, b, and c of No. 1 is BAR. See if you can answer the remaining three.

- 1 (a) The legal profession (b) a rod of wood or metal (c) bank of silt at the mouth of a harbour
- 2 (a) Fine soft earth (b) shape or form (c) fungus found on wood
- 3 (a) Highest achievement (b) musical disc (c) a register
- 4 (a) A tree (b) water between two headlands (c) a reddish-brown horse

DO YOU KNOW?

With what sport are fly, bantam, feather, and welter connected?

ANIMAL PUZZLE ON FOUR LEGS

This chap looks like a lizard but isn't. Can you say what he really is?

A to Z THROUGH NATURE

Can you answer these clues? The dots indicate the number of letters needed to complete the word beginning with the appropriate initial.

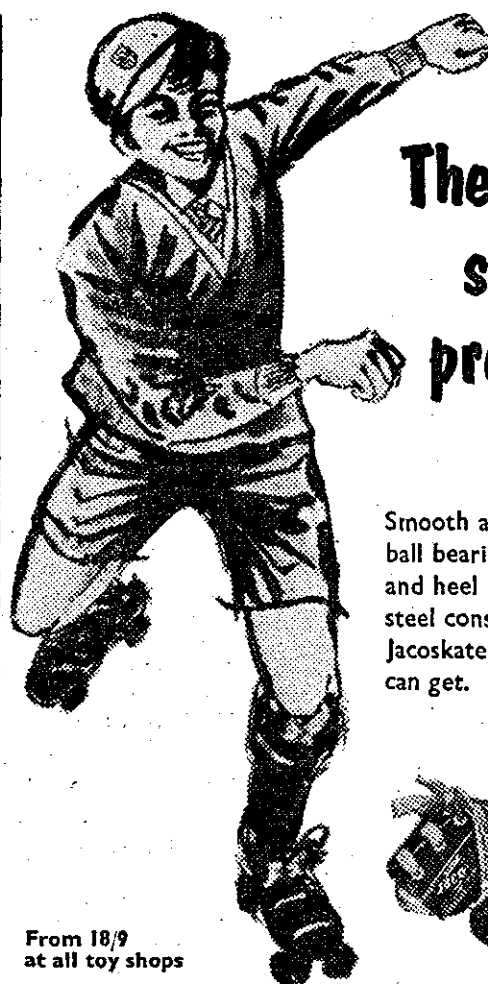
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| A | The horn of a deer or stag. |
| B | Another name for the Deadly Nightshade plant. |
| C | Larva of the butterfly or moth. |
| D | The name given to trees whose leaves fall annually. |
| E | Large Australian bird. |
| F | Wading bird with crimson wings. |
| G | They allow fish to breathe. |
| H | Rodent. |
| I | A mountain goat. |
| J | Wild member of the dog family. |
| K | Pouched mammal of Australia. |
| L | Tall, poker-like, multi-coloured flower. |
| M | Parasitic berry-bearing plant, used in Christmas decorations. |
| N | Small, tailed amphibian. |
| O | South American tiger-cat. |
| P | Large yellow fruit associated with "Cinderella." |
| Q | Bird of the partridge family. |
| R | Male sheep. |
| S | Eggs of fish and frogs. |
| T | Large, poisonous spider. |
| U | Tree of south-east Asia from which tribes get poison for arrows. |
| V | Any animal having a backbone. |
| W | Large Arctic marine mammal. |
| X | The layer of wood in a plant stem which surrounds the central core, and conveys water upwards. |
| Y | Large, shaggy ox of Tibet. |
| Z | African animal related to the horse. |

VEHICLES PLEASE

Insert the names of five different types of vehicle in the spaces below and you will have the answers to the clues.

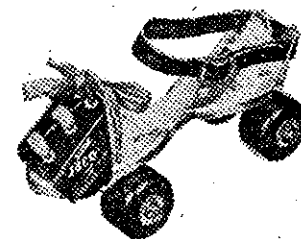
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| To crush under foot | ple |
| Sacred beetle of ancient Egypt | S . . . ab |
| Empty pride | ity |
| Sturdy | Ro . . . t |
| Learner | ee |

Answers to puzzles are on page 16



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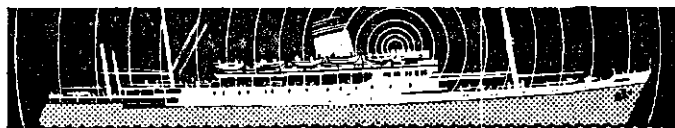


He stands seven feet high and his antlers weigh 60 pounds; he's just one of the unusual wild animals roaming free in the great Canadian prairies that you'll meet in the splendid new Look and Learn Book. Its 160 pages are a mine of information and include pictorial features on Veteran Cars, the Queen's Bodyguard and Persian Carpets. There are pages of photo tips for beginners; new ideas for your stamp collection; puzzle pages and a special 14-page article giving full instructions for making five types of model boat. Make sure of your copy of this terrific book now!



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This month we hear from Captain J. B. James, Master of our adopted ship, Braemar Castle. His is the last of our articles about the Union-Castle liner. Captain James would be delighted to hear from you too; write to him c/o Public Relations Dept., Union-Castle Steamship Co., 2 St. Mary Axe, London, E.C.3.

During the last twelve months you have heard from several members of my ship's company. We have so enjoyed writing to you and are very sad that the series is coming to an end.

During the twelve months that we have been writing to you, we have completed almost five voyages to and from Durban. The ship has steamed some 80,000 miles, consumed 17,000 tons of boiler oil, and carried something like 38,000 tons of cargo.

Your first letter from Braemar

Castle was from Captain Holland. Unfortunately, he was taken ill some time ago, but he is now recovered and is in command of our sister ship, the Kenya Castle. I took command of Braemar Castle in May, at the beginning of the ship's 51st voyage.

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There are usually a few changes in the officers and personnel every voyage, and I have to get to know new names and faces. Some of the older hands however—bo'suns, deckmen and stewards—have been with the ship many years and have grown very attached to her.



Captain J. B. James of the Braemar Castle



Young passengers learning the Sailor's Hornpipe

Those of you who have read all the letters in this series will have a good idea of how a big ship is run, and I expect a lot of you feel you would like to come along and do some of the jobs yourselves!

Thank you all for the many letters you have written to us—we have enjoyed hearing from you. Perhaps one day soon we may have the pleasure of seeing some of you sailing as passengers in this fine ship. Until then, all of us on Braemar Castle send all of you our very best wishes.

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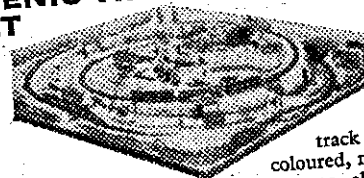
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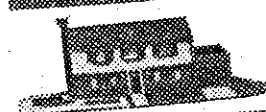


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A SPITFIRE OVER HOLLAND

Flight Lieutenant Carson, an RAF Spitfire pilot, has been shot down over German-occupied Holland. Escaping the bullets of the enemy, he finds friends, one of whom, a girl, offers to lead him to the town of Dordrecht . . .

ALL he could do, for the time being, was to continue to follow in the wake of the girl, although by this time she had done what she had promised to do, and had brought him virtually to Dordrecht.

When they reached a small village called Blesgraaf, she made a sign to him that he must follow her no longer, and Carson found himself on his own.

It was now half-past six, and curfew would clamp down in thirty minutes. He rode his ramshackle cycle slowly along the short High Street, and at the end of it spotted a large detached house with a doctor's plate outside. The plate announced that the doctor was called Inglese, and, taking this as a good omen, Carson decided to see if he could get shelter there for the night.

It was the doctor himself who came to the door, and, as soon as he heard Carson's story and realised that he was an escaping RAF officer, he welcomed him with open arms.

Unfortunately the doctor's wife was far less enthusiastic. She didn't at all like the idea of having an Englishman in her house, and was terrified of what would

by

Laurence Meynell

happen if the Germans discovered him there.

The doctor insisted, and in the end his wife had to agree, and a much relieved Carson was led into the dining-room, where dinner had just been served.

As it was now almost exactly curfew time, he was extremely thankful to be safely off the streets.

But they had scarcely been sitting five minutes at table when the maid rushed agitatedly in with the news that some German soldiers were at the front door.

Carson ran through the french windows into the garden, while the maid hurriedly removed his place from the table. His intention was to get away across country, but he discovered that the garden was bounded on all sides by water. Afraid that he might make too much noise splashing across it, he selected the largest clump of foliage he could see, and crouched behind it.

NOTHING happened for some time. Then, to his dismay, men came out of the back of the house and began to walk slowly round the garden. He naturally assumed that they were looking for him, and was sure the game was up. But, miraculously, they passed him by, and went back into the house.

Now what, he wondered?

He remained in the same position for half an hour more, before the next thing happened. Suddenly the french windows opened again and the doctor came out, calling softly.

He told Carson that the reason why the Germans had come was that somebody in the village had laid information against him for possessing a radio set, and the Gestapo had sent a search party to see if it were true.

This disturbing incident naturally made Mme Inglese more nervous than ever, but the doctor was a true friend, and insisted that Carson must stay with them until someone could be found to take him safely to Dordrecht.

In the end, Carson stayed three days in the house, and on more than one occasion had to hide in the roof when it looked as though Germans might be coming in again to search.

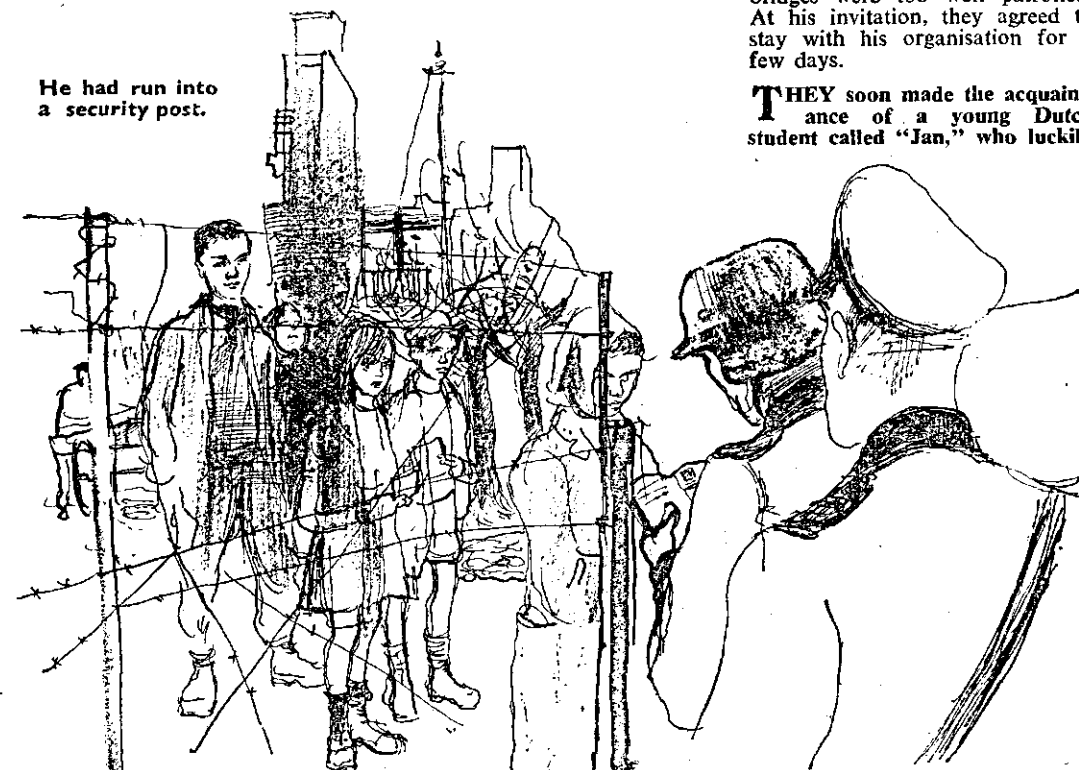
Eventually his guides arrived. They were a young Belgian boy and a girl, who were to walk on ahead while Carson followed some distance behind.

In this fashion they arrived at the ferry, where Carson feared there might be trouble if the sentries checked his faked identity card, which in his opinion was none too convincing. But, fortunately, a convoy of Red Cross vehicles was crossing at the same time, so that the ferry was packed with men and ambulances. In this general confusion, he managed to escape interrogation.

DOCTOR INGLESE had given him the address of another doctor in Dordrecht, where he was advised to go for shelter. But, when Carson put in an appearance, he was met with a definitely hostile reception, and he realised that there could be nothing but danger there.

Understandably, he felt nervous

He had run into a security post.



about trying other houses in the town. He knew from his map that there was a place south of Dordrecht called the Biesbosch, a wild water district rather like the Norfolk Broads, and he decided to head for this and try his luck on his own.

But, shortly after being turned away from the doctor's house, he saw his two young guides again. They made a quick signal that he should follow them, and then walked on ahead. Carson was greatly cheered by this, but within a couple of minutes he had run

AIRMEN ON THE RUN



into a sort of security post, where everybody's papers were being examined. Doing his best to disguise the acute nervousness he felt, he handed up his faked identity card and mumbled "Piet Smit," his assumed name.

The German conducting the check was in a hurry and seemed satisfied with the papers. He thrust them back at Carson and told him curtly to be on his way. With a thumping heart, and a feeling of profound gratitude, Carson continued along the street.

His young guides were still ahead of him, and, by following them, he arrived at a house in one of the suburbs of Dordrecht where there were already half a dozen people on the run.

CARSON soon teamed up with an American who had escaped only that day from a prison in Dordrecht itself.

The young Dutchman in charge

over this idea, which he said was highly dangerous, but finally he agreed to take them to a crossing point into the Biesbosch, where there was some sort of guerilla organisation.

Accordingly, next day Carson and Parker were guided into the watery maze of the Biesbosch, where, after some delay, they met the leader of the local organisation, who called himself the Kommandant.

When the war had started, many of the Dutch Inland Waterways companies hid their boats in the Biesbosch, to prevent them falling into the hands of the Germans, and these made excellent hiding places and living quarters.

Neither Carson nor Parker liked the look of the Biesbosch, and they pressed the Kommandant for a guide. But he was emphatic that they could never head south successfully, as the roads and bridges were too well patrolled. At his invitation, they agreed to stay with his organisation for a few days.

THEY soon made the acquaintance of a young Dutch student called "Jan," who luckily

spoke good English. He warned them that the Kommandant's "organisation" was largely composed of criminal types, who had taken up life in the Biesbosch to avoid trouble outside, and that he had no desire to stay with them.

Jan, the Dutchman, therefore teamed up with Carson, the Britisher, and Parker, the American. But they all three agreed that, for the time being, the best thing they could do was to stay with the organisation in the Biesbosch.

The organisation had a good

supply of arms and ammunition, hidden away on the barge which served them as headquarters, and Carson suggested that they should put into operation a series of ambushes against the parties of looting Germans.

Much of the information about the movement of Germans in the Biesbosch was given to the organisation by a local duck catcher, who lived in a small cottage not far from the barge. And so, when, one day, a Dutchman came hot-foot with the news that the Germans were looting the duck catcher's cottage, Carson and Parker, with two other members of the organisation, set off immediately to see what they could do about it.

As they were approaching the cottage, they could see the Dutchman's wife signalling to them from a window. They were not altogether clear as to what her signals meant, and, while they were debating the situation, a German rushed out of the cottage, rifle in hand.

Carson and Parker dived head-first into the reeds and water of the dyke, and the German started firing at them.

Fortunately his shots went wide, and, by using the thick reeds as cover, the two fugitives were able to scramble out of the dyke unharmed, farther down, and get back to their barge.

IT was now November, and news leaked through that the advancing Allied front was at Breda—barely twenty-five miles away.

Carson decided to wait a day more, and then try to cross the Maas and reach the Allied forces at all costs. Accordingly, at dawn on November 5th, he made his way to the bank of the Maas, in company with Parker and three Dutchmen.

In the cold grey light they could not see any sign of German troops on the opposite bank, but, when they climbed into a willow tree to get a better view, they were spotted, and a couple of 25-pounder shells came uncomfortably close.

Partly by using a skiff which they had brought from the Biesbosch, and partly by a long, cold wade through shallow flood waters, the little party made a successful and uneventful crossing of the river.

They had no idea what troops they were likely to encounter first, so it was with great caution that they crept along towards the town of Geertruibenberg.

THE war had already swept through Geertruibenberg and left it almost deserted. At the far end of the town, Carson spied an NCO of the Rifle Brigade, and heaved a long sigh of relief.

The adventures which had begun thirty-six long days ago were over at last.

THE END

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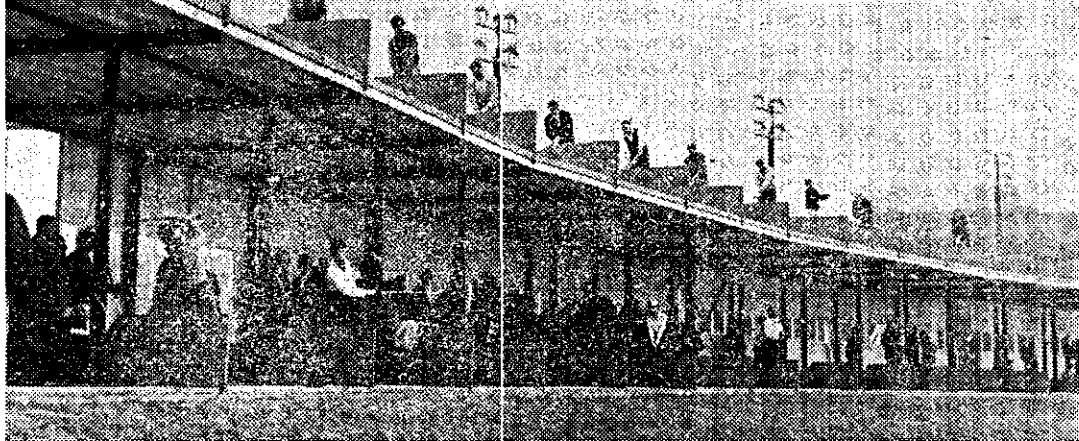
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TEE-UP—AT A PENNY EACH



Golfers galore at the new penny-a-shot golf range at Finchley, North London

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You can make your drive without that self-conscious feeling that somebody is watching!



ICE DANCING

THE British Ice Dance championship is to be held at Nottingham on Saturday. The title holders, Michael Phillips and Linda Shearman of Birmingham, have withdrawn from competitive skating. It seems likely that the new champions will be their club colleagues, D. Hickinbottom and J. Sawbridge.

CAMBRIDGE HAVE BOAT RACE IDEAS

THE Light Blues are already training hard for next year's Boat Race. They hope to hold races between their best eights on 7th December.

For the first time for four years, Cambridge will not have a new boat, but will make a choice from either the 1962 or the 1963 craft, after extensive tests.

OLYMPIC NEWS

THE Olympic Torch will be seen at 12 capital cities while being taken by air from Athens (Greece) to Tokyo (Japan). After leaving Athens, the aircraft carrying the torch will call at Istanbul or Ankara (Turkey), Beirut (Lebanon), Teheran (Persia), Lahore (Pakistan), New Delhi (India), Rangoon (Burma), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Manila (Philippines), Hong Kong, and Taipei (Formosa).

It will cost at least £150,000 to send Britain's team to Japan, according to the Council of the British Olympic Association. Several schemes designed to raise money are being put into operation. Hopes of our taking part in the ice-hockey section appear to have been ended because of the cost—£2,000. So far the Association has only been able to offer £700.

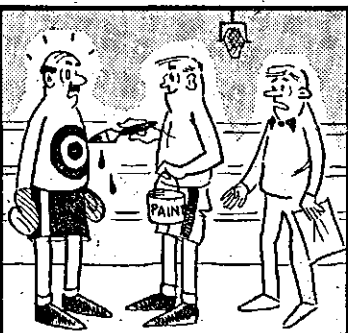
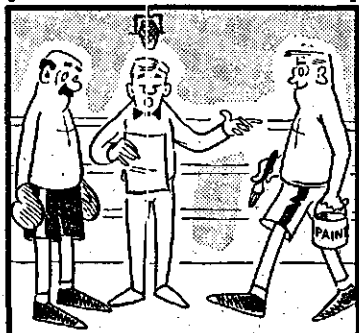
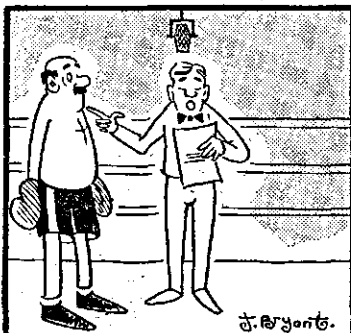
THEY'LL BE SEEING DOUBLE

IAN AND ROGER MORGAN are likely to cause a lot of confusion to players and spectators alike. They are identical twins who have just signed apprenticeship forms for Queen's Park Rangers.

These 16-year-old boys from

Chingford, Essex, are wingers, Ian on the left and Roger on the right. Of course, the numbers on their shirts will help spectators keep track of them on the field—unless they decide to switch places!

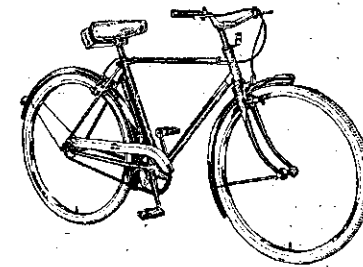
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(P. 13): Jumbled Hero: Achilles. Begin with Pen: Pen-dant; pen-guin; pen-sion; pen-alise; pen-itent; pen-sive; pen-ding; pen-

tagon. Sign of the Zodiac: Sagittarius, the Archer. Animal puzzle on four legs: Chameleon. A to Z through Nature: Antler, belladonna; caterpillar, deciduous, emu, flamingo, gills, hare, ibex, jackal, kangaroo, lupin, mistletoe, newt, ocelot, pumpkin, quail, ram, spawn, tarantula, upas, vertebrate, walrus, xylem, yak, zebra. One for Three: Bar; mould; record; bay. Do You Know? Boxing—they are weight divisions. Vehicles Please: Trample; S-car-ab; van-ity; ro-bus-t; train-ee.

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